
Local Pharagraphs.

September 6th. is the day appointed for the opening of the fall term of our schools. Parents take notice and apply in time.

We are happy to state that Rev. D. Patrick Mc Namee, our genuine Prefect of Discipline, is fast recovering from his recent illness and will be able to resume his arduous duties ere long.

Rev. Fr. Hilary Cassal, O. S. B. who has been doing parish work during the past four months went to see his infirm sister in Russia; on his return in October he will continue to reside in the same diocese for some time.

The Pottawatomie county farmer has reason to be thankful this year. The sunshine and the showers have been properly distributed and these, combined with a salubrious climate and a genial and responsive soil, have conspired to mature the finest crops ever grown in Oklahoma.

Rev. James J. McNiever S. J. of Omaha, Neb. gave the exercises of the Retreat to the Sisters of Mercy and Rev. Fr. Blaise, O. S. B. of Shawnee, Okla. performed the same work at the Benedictine Convent here. V. Rev. Fr. Prior is actually engaged preaching a Retreat to the Ursuline Nuns of Dallas Tex, while FF. Germanus and Raphael are acting Rector in Oak Cliff and Tyler respectively. DD. Norbert and Justin are still in Louisiana and Frs. Hippolyte, Gratian and Ildephonse in Kansas.—Dom Hildebrand is in Minnesota, and D. M. Fisher has just returned from Texas.

Aug. 14. Rev. Gregory Gerrer, O. S. B. sung his first Mass in El Reno, Okla. the home of his aged parents. His Reverence was priested several years ago in England and returned but lately to America.

The following clipping is from the *Catholic News* of New York: "The Rev. Gregory Gerrer, the Benedictine monk who painted the portrait of Pope Pius X. for the St. Louis Exposition, has arrived from Rome, en route to St. Louis and his home, Sacred Heart Abbey, Oklahoma. Father Gregory had the distinction of receiving several sittings of one hour each from His Holiness. The portrait was examined by some of the eminent artists and critics of Europe, who pronounced it the best ever made of the Pope. It is 7 by 5 feet without the frame.

After leaving Rome Father Gregory made a tour through the Holy Land and Europe, viewing the art galleries. Father Gregory brought with him many souvenirs of the Orient, as well as two autograph photos of His Holiness. He remained for several days with friends in Brooklyn and Manhattan before returning to his home. Besides being an artist, Father Gregory is a musician of considerable ability."